

this bill. They have a powerful lobby and so I want you to carefully analyze this. There is one portion in here it says about that the local government cannot check out the applicants. The local government can check out the applicants just as well as the Liquor Control Commission. In fact, some of the local governing bodies are doing it now and they certainly will do it. We certainly want to keep control of the liquor sales. I don't feel like we want to sell liquor like we do milk or bread or gasoline or any other commodities and that's what is happening right now because there are so many licenses being granted that we're going to see liquor outlets at every street corner. And so I would urge you to defeat this and I do have a motion up there to debate this without further debate after we get through with this one.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President and members, Senator Hoagland has been here I guess about eight years now and I would have to say that his depiction of what you will see is about as accurate as anything I think I've heard described on the floor and you don't have to take his word for it. You can go in their living laboratories across the United States in the form of different states, different states that have attempted or locked themselves in to the policy in this bill and they have exactly what he has described. You do have local politics heavily dominated, heavily controlled and heavily influenced by one particular industry, that is the industry retailing alcoholic beverages. You do have the bedroom communities where purity is on one side of the wall and supposedly sin and the other things associated with it are on the other. We talk about the problems with the Liquor Control Commission. I'll make a dare to you. Go check out your 50 states and compare the way their liquor problems are, their liquor administration, their efficiency, compare them all, their problems, compare them with Nebraska and you are going to discover, I guarantee you, that we're among the top ten in the United States in terms of a minimum of problems associated with liquor, a maximum of control and uniformity of policy. In other words, we aren't that bad. You do have, as I say, living laboratories across the United States in the form of other states where you can compare our system with the other systems and the other systems do have these problems. Now, I used a phrase on the opening battle on this bill, something to this effect. I said, you will have 1,000 different standards and as a result of 1,000 different standards you will discourage the legitimate and the best people from being in the liquor